A Resolution of Support for the Creation of a New District Court in Bell County

WHEREAS, the District Courts in the State of Texas are the trial courts of general jurisdiction and have original jurisdiction in all felony criminal cases, divorce cases, cases involving title to land, elections contest cases, and other civil matters in the State; and

WHEREAS, Bell County is currently served by 5 District Courts, the 27th, 146th, 169th, 264th, and the 426th; and

WHEREAS, not since 2007 has a new District Court been authorized by the Legislature for Bell County: and

WHEREAS, there has been substantial growth in Bell County since 2007 and District Court dockets reflect such; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Court Administration for the State of Texas has performed a workload analysis which showed 11,653 filings in the district courts of Bell County for the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Court Administration for the State of Texas workload analysis indicated a total estimated number of full time employees for the district courts in Bell County of 11; and

WHEREAS, the actual number of full time employees reported for the district courts of Bell County was 8.0; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Court Administration for the State of Texas workload analysis supports the need for an additional district court for Bell County;

WHEREAS, the administrative judge for the District Courts of Bell County, Judge Gordon Adams of the 169th District Court, also supports and recommends an additional district court for Bell County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of Bell County, Texas supports the creation of a sixth district court for Bell County and would urge the Legislature to favorably consider such in the current Legislative Session.

Adopted this ___19th___ day of ___January___, 2021.

D. Blackburn, County Judge

Russell Schneider, Commissioner, Precinct 1

Bobby Whitson, Commissioner, Precinct 2

Bill Schumann, Commissioner, Precinct 3

John Driver, Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

County Clerk, Shelley Coston